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THE EDITOR'S UNEASY CHAIR.

The conspicuous change in the Mycological Bulletin as witnessed in this number may raise the question, "What does it mean?" I despair of giving an adequate answer—but let us hope at least that it means progression—we will say "mutation," for you know, my dear reader, that the "mutation theory" (sudden strides) is now replacing the "evolution theory" (slow changes)—which we all had begun to think explained the universe so nicely!

Perhaps we would better say in simple plain, current language that the editor concluded he was not "the whole thing," in short, he was not "it," and so he yields nearly all the space now and henceforth to other writers, to authors who know much about their subject, who have information to spare, and who kindly write for the joy of the working. This paragraph, then, is one of felicitation and congratulation, because we will have a better Mycological Bulletin than heretofore. What an advantage it was that we were "held up" by the—(see the next paragraph.)

But the immediate and efficient cause for this change has not yet, as just hinted, been exposed. It is to be found in the gentle, kindly, peremptory notice from the postal authorities, that "second class entry" is for newspapers, for literary and scientific magazines, for technical journals, containing articles written by various persons," &c., and consequently the copies of the Bulletin were not sent out in the manner heretofore in vogue. A delay was therefore caused, since the editor was hunting mushrooms in a foreign country all winter, and consequently prompt measures could not be taken for distribution in other manner—stamping each copy (and herein consists the apology or explanation of an irregularity that presumably will not occur again).

Then we make the "new announcement," namely, that the BULLETIN will be continued on the plan so far exemplified in the successive Numbers; but it is advantageous to mail monthly instead of fortnightly as heretofore. Double numbers will be issued the remainder of the year, thus giving a total of twenty-four for the twelve months as promised. The use of a cover to the magazine will, it is surmised, add to its appearance, besides serving well for protection. A wide circulation would be desirable—to the end that the expense may be met by subscriptions. The price, 25 cents a year, will remain unchanged.